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BEGIN TEXT

1. IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE OUR PRESENT RIGHTS REGARDING AUTOBAHN
ACCESS BERLIN TO HELMSTEDT AND TO PROGRESSIVELY STRENGTHEN
OUR POSITION THROUGH PROGRAM OF GRADUALLY RE-INSTITUTING
AND/OR AUGMENTATION OF CERTAIN PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES
FORMERLY CUSTOMARY BUT NOW DISCONTINUED, I PROPOSE THAT THE FOLLOWING
PLAN BE APPROVED AND AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY
THIS COMMAND: A. DEVELOP HELMSTEDT INTO A COMMUNICATIONS
BASE WITH LIMITED OPERATIONAL CAPACITY BY INCREASING SIZE
OF DETACHMENT WITH ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL AND
MILITARY POLICE. (ALREADY INITIATED.) B. INCREASE NUMBER
OF PERSONNEL PER VEHICLE. (ALREADY INITIATED.)
C. PROVIDE VEHICULAR RADIO TO ACCOMPANY EACH CONVOY TO ASSURE
COMMUNICATIONS WITH CHECKPOINTS DURING TRANSIT. (ALREADY DIRECTED.)
D. INCREASE NUMBER OF SINGLE MILITARY VEHICLES TRANSITING AUTOBAHN.
(DO NOT CONTEMPLATE RADIOS WITH SINGLE VEHICLES.) E. INCREASE
FREQUENCY OF MULTIPLE (NORMAL) VEHICLE CONVOYS AS WELL AS
COMPOSITION. F. REINTRODUCE MILITARY POLICE PATROLS ON AUTOBAHN
G. REINTRODUCE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL ON AUTOBAHN ARMED
WITH INDIVIDUAL AND CREW-SERVED WEAPONS. H. INCREASE NUMBER
OF SELECTED MILITARY POLICE AT CHECKPOINTS AND CALL ATTENTION TO
THEM BY ASSIGNING ADDITIONAL DUTIES, E.G., HAVE MP'S ACCOMPANY
CONVOYS TO SOVIET CHECKPOINTS TO ASSIST IN EFFECTING CLEARANCE.

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1. ^(D. 1) TEST SOVIET REACTION THROUGH INTRODUCTION OF CONVOY
(AND/OR INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE) OF CLOSED VEHICLES.

2. TIMING OF ABOVE EVENTS SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY SOVIET REACTION
TO EACH STEP BUT PRESUMABLY SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO 15
MAY 1959. REQUEST THAT I BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT DEGREES
OF PLAN BASED ON SOVIET REACTION TO EACH STEP AND SUBJECT
TO COORDINATION IN EACH INSTANCE WITH USAREUR AND AMERICAN
AMBASSY, BONN.

3. I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS PLAN IN DETAIL WITH
AMBASSADOR BRUCE WHO CONCURS IN PRINCIPLE WITH EXCEPTION HE DOES
NOT REPEAT NOT CONCUR WITH IMPLEMENTATION PARA ONE INDIA
REPEAT PARA ONE INDIA AT THIS TIME.

4. IF APPROVED I WILL ADVISE FRENCH AND BRITISH OF OUR PLAN.

5. REGRADE CONFIDENTIAL 12 FEB 1962.

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